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| <b>UTILITY<br/>PATENT APPLICATION<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i> |  | Attorney Docket No. 320607.00400               |
|                                                                                                                                 |  | First Named Inventor or Application Identifier |
|                                                                                                                                 |  | Ramon Efrain Vasquez                           |
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.3.  Specification Total Pages 154.  Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets \_\_\_\_\_5.  Oath or Declaration Total Pages 2a.  Newly executed (original or copy)b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**Signed Statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application, see  
37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76**ADDRESS TO:**Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 202317.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer  
Program (Appendix)8.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii.  paperc.  Statements verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
(when there is an assignee)  Power of Attorney11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
Citations13.  Preliminary Amendment14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)16.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prior application information: Examiner: Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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| CLAIMS | (1) FOR                                                                    | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE                      | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
|        | TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))                                           | 17 -20 =         | 0                | X \$ 18.00 =                  | \$               |
|        | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))                                        | 2 -3 =           | 0                | X \$ 84.00 =                  | \$               |
|        | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))                 |                  |                  | \$280.00 =                    | \$ 0.00          |
|        |                                                                            |                  |                  | BASIC FEE<br>(37 CFR 1.16(a)) | \$ 385.00        |
|        |                                                                            |                  |                  | Total of above Calculations = | \$               |
|        | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). |                  |                  |                               | \$               |
|        |                                                                            |                  |                  | TOTAL =                       | \$ 385.00        |

19. Small entity status

- a.  A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b.  A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c.  Is no longer claimed.

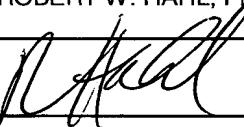
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- a.  Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b.  Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c.  Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Application No.: Unassigned

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For: Stable Sodium-Free Or Low-Sodium  
Aqueous Solution Of Agreeable Saltiness  
Taste

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard (1);
2. New Utility Application w/ 15 pages of Spec. (including 17 claims (2 pages); Abstract (1 page);
3. Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
4. Transmittal Letter;
5. Executed Declaration;
6. Application Data Sheet; and
7. Check in the amount of \$385.00

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